

## MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, May 5, 2016

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz, Planning & Sustainability, and the Conservation Commission

**16.065**

## AN ORDER

**To surplus property and authorize the Mayor to transfer the property to the USA for inclusion in the Conte Fish & Wildlife Refuge**

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, The ***Open Space, Recreation and Multi-Use Plan: 2011-2018*** recommends preserving open space along the Connecticut River and the Connecticut River floodplain;

WHEREAS, On December 19, 2014, City Council authorized the City to accept a deed for two parcels adjacent to the flood control dikes and the historic Mill River (Map ID 39A-44 and 39A-71) and transfer 39A-071 to the USA for inclusion in the Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge;

WHEREAS, On August 13, 2015, City Council authorized the City to transfer a surplus city parcel on Hockanum Road (Map ID 39-18) to the USA for inclusion in the Conte Fish and Wildlife Refuge;

WHEREAS, The US Fish and Wildlife Service has expressed interest in the second parcel by the flood control dike (Map ID 39A-44) and a second parcel adjacent to the Hockanum Road parcel (Map ID 39-55);

WHEREAS, The Conservation Commission, Agriculture Commission, and Department of Public Works have all previously reviewed this request and support the transfer;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,**

The City Council finds said parcels (Map IDs 39-55 and 39A-44) surplus to City uses and authorizes the Mayor to transfer them to the USA for inclusion in the Conte Fish and Wildlife refuge.

